



# Smithsonian Gardens

William Lyman Phillips photograph  
collection, circa 1920s-1940s

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Gardens
<b>Title:</b>	William Lyman Phillips photograph collection
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAG.WLP
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1920s-1940s
<b>Extent:</b>	0.1 Cubic feet (1 box.; 30 glass negatives and 2 glass autochromes.; 3 x 4 inches.)
<b>Creator:</b>	Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Summary:</b>	The William Lyman Phillips Collection includes thirty glass negatives and two glass autochromes showing a sampling of gardens presumably designed by landscape architect William Lyman Phillips. The gardens are located in Massachusetts, Florida and unidentified locations.

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## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition Note

Images donated by Faith Reyher Jackson, biographer of William Lyman Phillips, 1997.

### Related Archival Materials

Materials relating to Olmsted Brothers' projects that Phillips worked on are at the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site in Brookline, Massachusetts.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

William Lyman Phillips (d. 1966) was a landscape architect credited with popularizing the use of tropical and subtropical plants in landscape design. His most famous project was the design of the Fairchild Tropical Garden in Coral Gables, Florida. Phillips studied at Harvard, graduating cum laude in 1910, and the next year joined the Olmsted Brothers firm. He worked in Canada and New York, and laid out the townships of Balboa and San Miguel Ellende in the Panama Canal Zone. He designed many estates and parks for the Olmsted firm and traveled to Europe to study villas and gardens. During World War I, Phillips built cantonments in the United States for the U. S. Army Quartermaster Corps. He was later in charge of landscaping American military cemeteries in France, after which he returned to the United States to work once again with the Olmsted firm.

In 1923 Phillips took charge of the Olmsted Brothers' projects of Bok Tower Gardens and the adjacent Mountain Lake Colony in Lake Wales, Florida. In 1929 he was hired to site the house and gardens for Charles Austin Buck, the president of Bethlehem Steel. The estate, "El Retiro," now called Pinewood, was in the Mountain Lake Colony. Phillips collaborated with the architect, Charles Wait, on the Buck estate until 1932. Phillips worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps in Dade County, Florida, supervising the construction of several state parks, and he designed the Dade County parks. In 1936, while Phillips was working with the Civilian Conservation Corps, he was hired by Robert H. Montgomery to design the Fairchild Tropical Garden.

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## Arrangement

Images believed to be from Massachusetts are indicated in their catalog records as being from Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1, in order to differentiate them from other unidentified Massachusetts images in the AAG collections. The unidentified Massachusetts slides in this series are likely from multiple sites.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Flowers
- Gardens -- Florida
- Gardens -- Massachusetts
- Landscape architecture
- Plants
- Tropical plants

Types of Materials:

- Negatives
- Positives (photographs)

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Garden Images

#### Florida

FL089: Unidentified -- Untitled Garden in Florida

FL089001: [Untitled Garden in Florida]: pavilions and fountains., 1930  
*1 glass lantern slide (3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Untitled Garden in Florida\]: pavilions and fountains.: 1930.](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic:           Fountains  
                  Gardens -- Florida  
                  Palms  
                  Patios  
                  Pavements  
                  Pavilions  
                  Plants, Potted  
                  Spring  
                  Walls  
                  Water stairs

Place:           United States of America--Florida

FL089002: [Untitled Garden in Florida]: urban plaza, monuments and  
automobiles., [192?-193?]

*1 glass lantern slide (3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Untitled Garden in Florida\]: urban plaza, monuments and  
automobiles.: \[192?-193?\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic:           Automobiles  
                  Buildings  
                  Gardens -- Florida  
                  Monuments  
                  Plazas  
                  Spring  
                  Trees

Place:           United States of America--Florida

FL089003: [Untitled Garden in Florida]: driveway entrance in spring.,  
[192?-193?]

*1 glass lantern slide (3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Untitled Garden in Florida\]: driveway entrance in spring.: \[192?-193?\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Arches  
Driveways  
Entrances  
Gardens -- Florida  
Houses  
Roofs  
Spring  
Tiles  
Utility poles

Place: United States of America--Florida

FL089004: [Untitled Garden in Florida]: palms and ocean in the spring., [192?-193?]

*1 glass lantern slide (3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Untitled Garden in Florida\]: palms and ocean in the spring.: \[192?-193?\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Driveways  
Gardens -- Florida  
Ocean  
Palms  
Pine  
Roads  
Spring

Place: United States of America--Florida

FL089005: [Untitled Garden in Florida]: palms at entrance., [192?-193?]

*1 glass lantern slide (3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Untitled Garden in Florida\]: palms at entrance.: \[192?-193?\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Agaves  
Entrances  
Gardens -- Florida  
Gates  
Palms  
Spring  
Streets  
Utility poles

Place: United States of America--Florida

FL089006: [Untitled Garden in Florida]: house with balustrade.,  
[192?-193?]

*1 glass lantern slide (3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Untitled Garden in Florida\]: house with balustrade.: \[192?-193?\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Double exposure.

Topic:           Arches  
                  Balustrades  
                  Container plants  
                  Gardens -- Florida  
                  Houses  
                  Palms  
                  Spring  
                  Stairs  
                  Towers  
                  Walkways

Place:           United States of America--Florida

FL089007: [Untitled Garden in Florida]: marshes, palms and pines.,  
[192?-193?]

*1 glass lantern slide (3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Untitled Garden in Florida\]: marshes, palms and pines.: \[192?-193?\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic:           Gardens -- Florida  
                  Marshes  
                  Palms  
                  Pine  
                  Spring

Place:           United States of America--Florida

## Massachusetts

MA141: Unidentified -- Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1

MA141001: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: springhouses.,  
[between 1920 and 1939]

*1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1\]: springhouses.: \[between 1920 and 1939\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic:           Drains  
                  Gardens -- Massachusetts

Meadows  
Spring  
Springhouses  
Trees  
Walls, stone

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)  
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141002: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: view of meadow and trees., [between 1920 and 1939]  
*1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1\]: view of meadow and trees.: \[between 1920 and 1939\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect  
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Gardens -- Massachusetts  
Meadows  
Spring  
Trees  
Walls, stone

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)  
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141003: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: terraces and arbor., [between 1920 and 1939]  
*1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1\]: terraces and arbor.: \[between 1920 and 1939\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect  
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Arbors  
Columns  
Container gardening  
Evergreens  
Gardens -- Massachusetts  
Hydrangeas  
Patios  
Pavements  
Pine  
Sculpture  
Standard  
Terraces  
Vines  
Wisteria

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)  
United States of America -- Massachusetts



MA141004: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: stone lantern.,  
[between 1920 and 1939]

*1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1\]: stone lantern.:  
\[between 1920 and 1939\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Containers  
Gardens -- Massachusetts  
Retaining walls  
Sculpture  
Spring  
Stairs  
Stone lanterns  
Terraces  
Walls, stone

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)  
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141005: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: Colonial  
Revival house., [between 1920 and 1939]

*1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1\]: Colonial Revival  
house.: \[between 1920 and 1939\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Colonial Revival  
Fences -- wooden  
Gardens -- Massachusetts  
Houses  
Meadows  
Spring  
Trees

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)  
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141006: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: stone walls.,  
[between 1920 and 1939]

*1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1\]: stone walls.:  
\[between 1920 and 1939\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Gardens -- Massachusetts  
Retaining walls  
Spring  
Trees  
Walls, stone

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)  
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141007: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: wrought iron fences., [between 1920 and 1939]

*1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1\]: wrought iron fences.: \[between 1920 and 1939\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Automobiles  
Buildings  
Fences -- wrought iron  
Flagpoles  
Gardens -- Massachusetts  
Spring  
Streets  
Utility poles

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)  
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141008: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: bridge., [between 1920 and 1939]

*1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1\]: bridge.: \[between 1920 and 1939\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Arches  
Bridges -- stone  
Gardens -- Massachusetts  
Meadows  
Ponds  
Spring  
Trees

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)  
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141009: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: retaining walls and terrace., [between 1920 and 1939]

*1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1\]: retaining walls and terrace.: \[between 1920 and 1939\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Containers  
Garden borders  
Gardens -- Massachusetts

Lawns  
Perennials  
Retaining walls  
Spring  
Terraces  
Trees  
Walls, stone

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)  
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141010: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: Colonial Revival houses., [between 1920 and 1939]  
*1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1\]: Colonial Revival houses.: \[between 1920 and 1939\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect  
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Colonial Revival  
Gardens -- Massachusetts  
Houses  
Meadows  
Spring  
Trees

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)  
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141012: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: Colonial Revival houses., [between 1920 and 1939]  
*1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1\]: Colonial Revival houses.: \[between 1920 and 1939\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect  
Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Colonial Revival  
Elm  
Fences  
Gardens -- Massachusetts  
Houses  
Sidewalks  
Streets  
Trees in cities

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)  
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141013: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: cottages., [between 1920 and 1939]

*1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1\]: cottages.: \[between 1920 and 1939\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Cottages  
Gardens -- Massachusetts  
Houses  
Picket fences  
Spring  
Trees  
Walls, stone

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)  
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141014: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: front of colonial-style house., [between 1920 and 1939]

*1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1\]: front of colonial-style house.: \[between 1920 and 1939\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Colonial Revival  
Entrances  
Gardens -- Massachusetts  
Houses  
Spring  
Trees  
Walkways

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)  
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141015: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: portico and driveway., [between 1920 and 1939]

*1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1\]: portico and driveway.: \[between 1920 and 1939\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Columns  
Driveways  
Edging  
Gardens -- Massachusetts  
Houses  
Porches  
Porticoes  
Rocking chairs  
Spring

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)  
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141016: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: woodlands.,  
[between 1920 and 1939]

*1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1\]: woodlands.:  
\[between 1920 and 1939\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Gardens -- Massachusetts  
Spring  
Trees  
Woodlands

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)  
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141017: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: building and  
surrounding grounds., [between 1920 and 1939]

*1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1\]: building and  
surrounding grounds.: \[between 1920 and 1939\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Buildings  
Gardens -- Massachusetts  
Houses  
Lawns  
Spring  
Trees

Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)  
United States of America -- Massachusetts

MA141018: [Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1]: streets and  
outbuildings., [between 1920 and 1939]

*1 glass lantern slide (black-and-white; 3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Unidentified Garden in Massachusetts, No. 1\]: streets and  
outbuildings.: \[between 1920 and 1939\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Jackson, Faith Reyher, Provenance

Topic: Colonial Revival  
Fences -- wooden  
Gardens -- Massachusetts  
Houses  
Outbuildings  
Spring  
Streets

Utility poles  
Place: Unidentified Garden (Massachusetts)  
United States of America -- Massachusetts

## WLP001: Unidentified

WLP001002: [Unidentified Garden]: meadows, street trees and house., [1920?]

*1 glass lantern slide (3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Unidentified Garden\]: meadows, street trees and house.: \[1920?\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Topic: Houses  
Meadows  
Streets  
Trees in cities

WLP001003: [Unidentified Garden]: house and garage., [1920?]

*1 glass lantern slide (3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Unidentified Garden\]: house and garage.: \[1920?\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Topic: Arbors  
Awnings  
Balconies  
Balustrades  
Foundation planting  
Garages  
Houses  
Window boxes

WLP001004: [Unidentified Seascape]: ocean, lighthouses and house., [1920?]

*1 glass lantern slide (3 x 4 in.)*

[Image\(s\): \[Unidentified Seascape\]: ocean, lighthouses and house.: \[1920?\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Topic: Buildings  
Coastlines  
Flagpoles  
Houses  
Lighthouses  
Ocean

WLP001005: [Unidentified Garden]: house., [1920?]

*glass lantern slide*

*3 x 4 in.*

[Image\(s\): \[Unidentified Garden\]: house.: \[1920?\]](#)

Phillips, William Lyman, d. 1966, Landscape architect

Topic: Houses

Trees  
Windows

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